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**CHAPTER 335-6-11
WATER USE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR INTERSTATE AND INTRASTATE
WATERS**

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335-6-11-.01 The Use Classification System.

- (1) Use classifications utilized by the State of Alabama are as follows:

Outstanding Alabama Water	OAW
Public Water Supply	PWS
Swimming and Other Whole Body Water-Contact Sports	S
Shellfish Harvesting	SH
Fish and Wildlife	F&W
Limited Warmwater Fishery	LWF
Agricultural and Industrial Water Supply	A&I

(2) Use classifications apply water quality criteria adopted for particular uses based on existing utilization, uses reasonably expected in the future, and those uses not now possible because of correctable pollution but which could be made if the effects of pollution were controlled or eliminated. Of necessity, the assignment of use classifications must take into consideration the physical capability of waters to meet certain uses.

(3) Those use classifications presently included in the standards are reviewed informally by the Department's staff as the need arises, and the entire standards package, to include the use classifications, receives a formal review at least once each three years. Efforts currently underway through local 201 planning projects will provide additional technical data on certain streams in the State, information on treatment alternatives, and applicability of various management techniques, which, when available, will hopefully lead to new decisions regarding use classifications. Of particular interest are those segments which are currently classified for any usage which has an associated degree of quality criteria considered to be less than that applicable to a classification of "Fish and Wildlife." As rapidly as it can be demonstrated that new classifications are feasible and attainable on these segments from an economic and technological viewpoint, based on the information being generated pursuant to water quality studies and the planning efforts previously outlined, such improvement will be proposed. For those segments where such a demonstration cannot be made, use attainability analyses describing in detail

the factors preventing attainment of the "Fish and Wildlife" use will be prepared pursuant to federal requirements and updated as new information becomes available.

(4) Although it is not explicitly stated in the classifications, it should be understood that the use classification of "Shellfish Harvesting" is only applicable in the coastal area and, therefore, is included only in the Mobile River Basin and the Perdido-Escambia River Basin. It should also be noted that with the exception of those segments in the "Public Water Supply" classification, every segment, in addition to being considered acceptable for its designated use, is also considered acceptable for any other use with a less stringent associated criteria.

(5) Not all waters are included by name in the use classifications since it would be a tremendous administrative burden to list all stream segments in the State. In addition, in virtually every instance where a segment is not included by name, the Department has no information or stream data upon which to base a decision relative to the assignment of a particular classification. An effort has been made, however, to include all major stream segments and all segments which, to the Department's knowledge, are currently recipients of point source discharges. Those segments which are not included by name will be considered to be acceptable for a "Fish and Wildlife" classification unless it can be demonstrated that such a generalization is inappropriate in specific instances.

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Use Classifications.

(1)

THE ALABAMA RIVER BASIN

INTERSTATE WATERS

<u>Stream</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Classification</u>
ALABAMA RIVER	MOBILE RIVER	Claiborne Lock and Dam	F&W
ALABAMA RIVER	Claiborne Lock and Dam	Frisco Railroad Crossing	S/F&W
ALABAMA RIVER	Frisco Railroad Crossing	River Mile 131	F&W

(14) **THE WARRIOR RIVER BASIN**INTRASTATE WATERS

Stream	From	To	Classification
WARRIOR RIVER	TOMBIGBEE RIVER	Five miles upstream from Big Prairie Creek	S/F&W
WARRIOR RIVER	Five miles upstream from Big Prairie Creek	Eight miles upstream from Big Prairie Creek	PWS/S/F&W
WARRIOR RIVER	Eight miles upstream from Big Prairie Creek	Warrior Lock and Dam	S/F&W
WARRIOR RIVER	Warrior Lock and Dam	Oliver Lock and Dam	F&W
WARRIOR RIVER	Oliver Lock and Dam	Hurricane Creek	F&W ¹
WARRIOR RIVER	Hurricane Creek	Bankhead Lock and Dam	S/F&W ¹
WARRIOR RIVER	Bankhead Lock and Dam	Junction of Locust and Mulberry Forks	PWS/S/F&W
Locust Fork	Junction of Locust and Mulberry Forks	Jefferson County Highway 61 (Maxine)	PWS/S/F&W
Locust Fork	Jefferson County Highway 61 (Maxine)	U. S. Highway 31	F&W
Locust Fork	U. S. Highway 31	County road between Hayden and County Line	PWS/F&W
Locust Fork	County road between Hayden and County Line	Its source	F&W
Mulberry Fork	Junction of Locust and Mulberry Forks	Burnt Cane Creek (9 miles below Cordova)	PWS/S/F&W

¹Applicable dissolved oxygen level below existing impoundments is 4.0 mg/l.

Stream	From	To	Classification
Village Creek	Bayview Lake Dam	Its source	LWF
Fivemile Creek	Locust Fork	Its source	F&W
Turkey Creek	Locust Fork	Its source	F&W
Cunningham Branch	Turkey Creek	Its source	F&W
Self Creek	Locust Fork	Town of Bradford's water supply intake	F&W
Self Creek	Town of Bradford's water supply intake	Its source	PWS
Gurley Creek	Self Creek	Its source	F&W
Little Warrior River	Locust Fork	Junction of Blackburn Fork and Calvert Prong	F&W
Calvert Prong	Little Warrior River	City of Oneonta's water supply intake	F&W
Calvert Prong	City of Oneonta's water supply intake	Its source	PWS
Blackburn Fork	Little Warrior River	Inland Lake Dam	F&W
Blackburn Fork	Inland Lake Dam	Its source	PWS/S
Chitwood Creek	Calvert Prong	Its source (junction with Mill and Cheney Branch)	F&W
Mill Creek	Chitwood Creek	Its source	F&W
Graves Creek	Locust Fork	Its source	F&W
Whippoorwill Creek	Locust Fork	Its source	F&W
Clear Creek	Locust Fork	Its source	F&W
Slab Creek	Locust Fork	Its source	F&W
Lost Creek	Mulberry Fork	Two miles upstream from Wolf Creek	F&W

Stream	From	To	Classification
Eightmile Creek	Cullman water supply reservoir dam	Its source	PWS
Pope Creek	Cullman water supply dam	Its source	PWS
Blue Springs Creek	Mulberry Fork	Its source	F&W
Warrior Creek	Mulberry Fork	Its source	F&W
Tibb Creek	Warrior Creek	Its source	F&W
Riley Maze Creek	Tibb Creek	Its source	F&W
Ryan Creek	Lake Lewis Smith	Its source	F&W
Crooked Creek	Lake Lewis Smith	Its source	F&W
Brushy Creek	Lake Lewis Smith (Sipsey Fork)	U.S. Highway 278	PWS/F&W
Brushy Creek	U.S. Highway 278	Its source	F&W
Clear Creek	Lake Lewis Smith	City of Haleyville water supply reservoir dam	F&W
Clear Creek	City of Haleyville water supply reservoir dam	Its source	PWS
Rock Creek	Lake Lewis Smith	Its source	F&W
Sandy Creek	Sipsey Fork	Its source	F&W
Curtis Mill Creek	Sandy Creek	Town of Double Springs water supply reservoir dam	F&W
Curtis Mill Creek	Town of Double Springs water supply reservoir dam	Its source	PWS

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